

# Critical Thinking Skills



## The Great Gatsby

Skills for Critical Thinking			Chapter Questions											Writing Tasks Graphic Organizers	
LEVEL 1 Remembering	LEVEL 2 Understanding	LEVEL 3 Applying	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Part One	7 Part Two	8	9			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify Story Elements</li> <li>Recall Details</li> <li>Match</li> <li>Sequence Events</li> </ul>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compare &amp; Contrast</li> <li>Summarize</li> <li>State Main Idea</li> <li>Describe</li> <li>Classify</li> </ul>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan</li> <li>Interview</li> <li>Infer Outcomes</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draw Conclusions</li> <li>Identify Supporting Evidence</li> <li>Motivations</li> <li>Identify Cause &amp; Effect</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State &amp; Defend an Opinion</li> <li>Make Judgements</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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LEVEL 6 Creating		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Predict</li> <li>Design</li> <li>Create</li> <li>Imagine Alternatives</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Based on Bloom's Taxonomy



# Chapter Two

- 1.** **Circle T** if the statement is TRUE or **F** if it is FALSE.

**T F** a) Catherine hogs the bottle of whiskey.

**T F b)** Nick thinks Mrs. McKee is a pleasant individual.

**T F** c) Myrtle buys a copy of the Town Tattle.

**T F d)** Nick agrees to go to lunch with Mr. Wilson.

**T F e)** Daisy is a Catholic.

**T F f**) Catherine says she visited Monte Carlo by way of Marseilles.

- 2. Number the events from 1 to 6 in the order they occurred in this Chapter.**

- a) Nick and Tom meet up with Myrtle.
  - b) Tom jokes that Myrtle should ask her husband for a letter of introduction for Mr. McKee.
  - c) Tom brings out a bottle of whiskey.
  - d) Nick and Tom stop at a drawbridge.
  - e) Tom buys a dog.
  - f) Tom breaks Myrtle's nose.



# Chapter Nine

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. With both Gatsby and Wilson dead, predict whether Daisy will face any consequences for her actions. Explain your reasoning.  
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2. Before Gatsby was killed, Nick told him he was better than the Buchanans and all of their friends. Why do you think Nick might feel this way?  
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## Vocabulary

Choose a word from the list that means the same as the underlined word.

**scrupulousness**  
mad

**disaster**  
symbol

**satire**  
unanimity

**unplanned**  
unnecessary

1. The detective's voice had **adventitious** authority.
2. Nick says he thought the whole situation would be served up in a racy **pasquinade**.
3. Nick says Wilson was reduced to a man "**deranged** by grief."
4. Nick telephoned news of the **catastrophe** to West Egg Village.
5. Nick says the picture of Dan Cody was a **token** of forgotten violence.
6. Nick said his letter to Meyer Wolfsheim seemed **superfluous** when he wrote it.
7. Nick began to feel a **solidarity** between he and Gatsby against everyone else.
8. Nick says Tom was finally rid of his provincial **squeamishness** forever.

# Front Page News

Imagine you're the managing editor at a big New York newspaper in the 1920s. You're tasked with laying out the story of Jay Gatsby's life and murder. Using your knowledge of the events depicted in *The Great Gatsby*, write what you would consider the most important headlines corresponding to each chapter. As a class, decide what the top stories are and what is supplementary to the main story of Gatsby's life and death.

The most important stories should go at the top of the page.